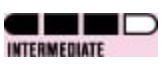
TEMPTING TEXTURES

ROSY DAWN

Panels of pretty popcorn-flower motifs alternate in complementary counterpoint with lacy, popcorn-accented strips to create an airy, yet cozy, pattern.

DESIGN BY CAROL ALEXANDER

SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

46 × 62 inches

MATERIALS

- Universal Yarn Deluxe Chunky bulky (chunky) weight yarn (31/2 oz/120 yds/100g per hank): 16 hanks #91466 mauve
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Strip A Motif = 7 inches across

Strip B = 6½ inches wide

PATTERN NOTES

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-2 at beginning of row or round counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

5-double crochet popcorn (5-dc pc): 5 dc in place indicated, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first dc of dc group, pull dropped lp through, ch 1 to close.

4-double crochet popcorn (4-dc pc): 4 dc in place indicated, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first dc of dc group, pull dropped lp through, ch 1 to close.

BLANKET

Strip A

Make 3.

Motif

Make 27.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st in 4th ch from hook to form ring, ch 4 (*counts as first dc and ch-1*), [dc, ch 1] 11 times in ring, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 2: Ch 6 (*counts as first dc and ch-3*), **5-dc pc** (*see Special Stitches*) in next dc, ch 3, [dc in next dc, ch 3, 5-dc pc in next dc, ch 3] 5 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-6.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, ch 4, sc in top of next 5-dc pc, ch 4, [sc in next dc, ch 4, sc in top of next 5-dc pc, ch 4] 5 times, sl st in first sc, join in first ch-4 sp.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next ch-4 sp, **ch 2** (*see Pattern Notes*), (dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc) in same ch-4 sp as beg ch-2, [hdc, dc, 2 tr, dc, hdc] in each of next 11 ch-4 sps, join in top beg ch-2.

Rnd 5: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, sc in next st, ch 4, *sk next 4 sts, sc in each of next 2 tr, ch 4, rep from * around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next sc, sl st in ch-4 sp, **ch 3** (*see Pattern Notes*), (dc, 3 tr) in same sp as beg ch-3, **dtr** (*see Stitch Guide*) in next sc, ch 2, dtr in next sc, (3 tr, 2 dc) in next ch-4 sp, *hdc in each of next 2 sc, 4 sc in next ch-4 sp, hdc in each of next 2 sc, (2 dc, 3 tr) in next ch-4 sp, dtr in next sc, ch 2, dtr in next st, (3 tr, 2 dc) in next ch-4 sp, rep from * 3 times, omitting corner group at end of last rep, join in top beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Motif Join

*With RS facing and matching sts, working through both thicknesses, sc through both lps of two motifs. Rep from * to make 3 strips of 9 motifs each.

Strip B

Make 4.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 26, sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1, sk next 3 chs, ({dc, ch 1} twice, dc) in next ch, ch 1, sk next 3 chs, sc in next ch, rep from * across, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 6 (*counts as first dc and ch-3*), sk next dc, sc in next dc, *ch 3, **4-dc pc** (*see Special Stitches*) in next sc, ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc, rep from * twice, ch 3, dc in last sc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *ch 1, ([dc, ch 1] twice, dc) in next sc, ch 1, sc in top of next pc, rep from * across to last st, sc in 3rd ch of beg ch-6, turn.

Rows 4–125 [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] 16 times or until Strip B measures 1/2 inch less than Strip A. At end of last row, fasten off.

Strip B Edging

Rnd 1: Join yarn in any corner, ch 1, *3 sc in corner, sc evenly sp across to next corner, rep from * 3 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

With WS of 1 Strip A and 1 Strip B facing, working through both thicknesses, join with sc in first st, *ch 1, sc in next st, rep from * across. Fasten off.

Join rem Strips A and B in an alternating pattern beginning and ending with Strip B.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join in any corner, ch 2, (hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in same corner as beg ch-2, hdc evenly sp around afghan, working (2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc) in each corner, join in top of beg ch-2.

Note: *When working between ** of rnd 2, adjust spacing of sk sts as needed to maintain pattern.*

Rnd 2: Sl st in corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, *(sc, 3 dc, sc) in same corner ch-2 sp as beg ch-1, sk next st, **(sc, dc) in next st, (2 dc, sc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, rep from ** across to last 3 sts before next corner sp, (sc, dc) in next st, (2 dc, sc) in next st, sk last st before corner sp, rep from * 3 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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TEMPTING TEXTURES

CABLES & BOUQUETS

Rows of pretty popcorn-flower bouquets tied with dainty bows are beautifully set apart by a cable design between each one.

DESIGN BY PATSY HARBOR

SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

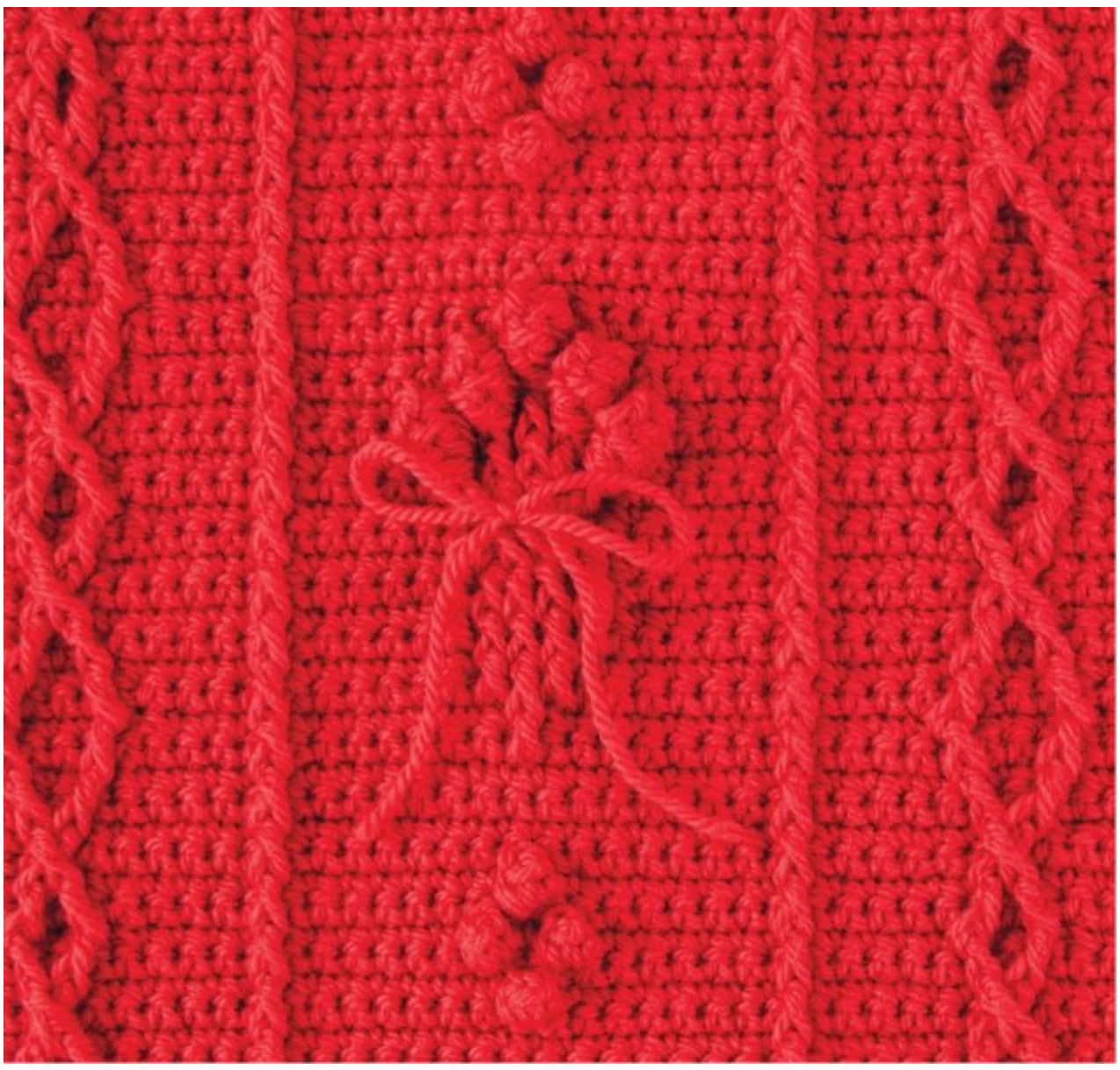
Approximately 47 × 61 inches

MATERIALS

- Patons Classic Wool medium (worsted) weight yarn (3½ oz/210 yds/100g per ball): 15 balls #77531 currant
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

14 sc = 4 inches; 18 rows = 4 inches



PAT TERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Front post double crochet (fpdc) and front post treble crochet (fptr) are worked around the indicated front post double crochet 2 rows below or around the indicated single crochet 1 row below unless otherwise stated.

Skip stitch behind front post double crochet or front post treble crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Popcorn petal (pc petal): Work 5 **fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next **fpdc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first fpdc of 5-fpdc group, place dropped lp on hook and draw through st, ch 1.

Popcorn (pc): Work 5 sc in next sc, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first sc of 5-sc group, place dropped lp on hook and draw through st, ch 1.

AFGHAN

Body

Row 1: Ch 162, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch across, turn. *(161 sc)* **Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. **Row 3 (RS):** Ch 1, sc, fpdc around **next sc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next sc, fpdc around next sc, working in front of st

just made, fpdc around sk sc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 15 sts, fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next st, fpdc around next sc, working in front of st just made, fpdc in sk st, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next sc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around **next fpdc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 15 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next st, sc in last st, turn.

Row 6: Rep row 4.

Row 7: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc each of next 7 sts, fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 7 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 8: Rep row 4.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 6 sts, fpdc around next sc, fpdc around next fpdc, fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 6 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 10: Rep row 4.

Row 11: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next sc, fpdc around each of next 3 fpdc, fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 12: Rep row 4.

Row 13: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 5 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 14: Rep row 4.

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next 3 fpdc, **fptr** *(see Stitch Guide)* around each of next 2 **fpdc** *(see Pattern Notes)*, working in front of fptr just made, work fptr around each sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 16: Rep row 4.

Row 17: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fptr, sc in next st, fpdc around each of next 3 fptr, sc in next st, fpdc around next fptr, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 18: Rep row 4.

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, **pc petal** *(see Special Stitches)*, [sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc] 3 times, sc in next st, pc petal, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 20: Rep row 4.

Row 21: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, pc petal, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next st, pc petal, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 22: Rep row 4.

Row 23: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 7 sts, pc petal, sc in each of next 7 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, fpdc around next st, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 3 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 24: Rep row 4.

Row 25: Rep row 5.

Row 26: Rep row 4.

Row 27: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 15 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 28: Rep row 4.

Row 29: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 7 sts, **pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 30: Rep row 4.

Row 31: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 6 sts, pc, sc in next st, pc, sc in each of next 6 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 4 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 32: Rep row 4.

Row 33: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 7 sts, pc, sc in each of next 7 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Row 34: Rep row 4.

Row 35: Rep row 3.

Next rows: [Rep rows 5–35 consecutively] 7 times, ending last rep with row 28.

Next row: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, *fpdc around next sc, sc in each of next 15 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk next fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * 4 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in last st, turn.

Next row: Rep row 4.

Next row: Ch 1, sc in next st, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next st, **do not fasten off**.

EDGING

Rnd 1: Now working in rnds, 2 sc in same st as last st *(corner)*, working in ends of rows, [ch 1, sc in end of next row] across, 3 sc in first st of foundation row *(corner)*, sc in each st across, 3 sc in last st of foundation row *(corner)*, working in ends of rows, [ch 1, sc in end of each row] across, 2 sc in same st as first st of last row, join with a sl st in first st of last row. Fasten off.

FINISHING

For ties on the bouquets, cut one 15-inch length of yarn for each bouquet. Use crochet hook to insert the yarn around the center of each bouquet. Pull ends even and tie a bow. ■

TEMPTING TEXTURES

WINTER MORNING

Post stitches, popcorns and cables, oh, my! Texture abounds in the variety of deliciously dimensional patterns used to create this interesting study in stitch work.

DESIGN BY CAROL ALEXANDER

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

46 × 61 inches

MATERIALS

- Universal Deluxe chunky (bulky) weight yarn (31/2 oz/120 yds/100g per skein): 20 skeins #91872 dusk blue
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Strip A: Each motif = 5 inches square.

Strip B: = 7½ inches wide

PAT TERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning popcorn (beg pc): Ch 3, 4 dc in same place as ch-3, drop lp from hook, insert hook in top of beg ch-3, then in dropped lp, pull lp through.

Popcorn (pc): 5 dc in place indicated in instructions, drop lp from hook, insert hook in top of first dc, then in dropped lp, pull lp through.

Beginning V-stitch (beg V-st): Ch 3, hdc in same place.

V-stitch (V-st): (Hdc, ch 1, hdc) as indicated in instructions.

AFGHAN

Strip A

Make 3.

Motif

Make 12 for each strip.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, sl st in beg ch to form ring, **beg pc** (*see Special Stitches*) in ring, ch 5, [**pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in ring, ch 5] 3 times, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in top of beg pc.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 *(see Pattern Notes)*, [(2 dc, ch 2, pc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-5 sp, dc in top of next pc] 3 times, (2 dc, ch 2, pc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-5 sp, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, pc in top of next pc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, pc in top of next pc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, sk next dc, dc in last dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in each of next 4 dc, [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, pc in top of next pc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 8 dc] 3 times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, pc in top of next pc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of last 3 dc, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Join Motifs

Place 2 Motifs evenly tog with WS facing. Sl st tog on 1 side from corner to corner, making sure that pc on last rnd are evenly aligned. Join rem Motifs in same manner for each Strip.

Strip B

Make 4.

Row 1 (RS): Beg at bottom edge, ch 32, dc in 4th ch from hook *(first 3 chs counts as first dc)*, dc in each rem ch across. Fasten off. (30 dc)

Row 2: Join in 3rd ch of ch-3 at beg of row 1, ch 3, **fptr** (see Stitch Guide) around next st, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going behind last 3 tr worked, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, pc in next st, ch 1, pc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going in front of last 3 tr worked but not catching them, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in last st, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, **bptr** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next tr, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going behind last 3 tr worked, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, bptr around next st, dc in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp and next pc, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sk next pc and next ch-2 sp, dc in next st, bptr around next st, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going in front of last 3 tr worked but not catching them, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, bptr around next st, dc in last st, dc in top of beg ch-3, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, fptr around next tr, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going behind last 3 tr worked, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in next st, ch 2, sk next ch-3 sp, pc in next sc, ch 1, pc in next sc, ch 2, sk next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, tr in each of next 3 sts, going in front of last 3 tr worked but not catching them, tr in each of the 3 sk sts, dc in next st, fptr around next st, dc in last st.

Rows 5–94: [Rep rows 3 and 4 alternately for pattern] 45 times. *(Strip B should measure approximately 1/2 inch shorter in length than Strip A.)*

Fasten off.

Note: *Use firmer tension, or next smaller size hook if needed, to keep edge flat to match beg row of strip.*

Last row: Join in beg ch of previous row, ch 3, dc in each of next 3 sts, hdc in each of next 5 sts, dc in each of next 12 sts, hdc in each of next 5 sts, dc in each of last 4 sts. Fasten off.

Join Strips

Place Strip A and Strip B tog with RS facing. Sl st long edges tog from corner to corner, working through both lps of sts on edge of Strip A and in outside edge of turning lps on Strip B.

Join rem Strips in same way, beginning and ending with Strip B.

Side Edging

Note: *Do not work dc too closely tog, but sp sts evenly to keep edge as flat as possible.*

Join in corner at right end of long side of Afghan, ch 3, evenly sp dc across unfinished edge of outside strip to other corner. Fasten off.

Rep Edging on other side.

BORDER

Rnd 1: Join in any corner of Afghan, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same corner, evenly sp dc around afghan, with (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each rem corner, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. ***Note:*** *Loosen tension slightly if needed to keep edges as flat as possible.*

Rnd 2: Sl st in corner ch-2 sp, (**beg V-st**—*see Special Stitches,* 2 V-sts) in same ch sp, sk next 2 sts, [V-st *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sk next 2 sts] around, with 3 V-sts in each rem corner sp, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Sl st in ch-1 sp of beg V-st, ch 2, sc between next 2 V-sts, [(sc, ch 1) in ch-1 sp of next V-st, sc between next 2 V-sts] around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off. ■

Tempting Textures

CELTIC CABLES

Pretty cable patterns created with post stitches and highlighted with puffy popcorns give classic style and rich dimension to this beautiful design.

DESIGN BY JOYCE NORDSTROM

TEMTING TEXTURES

SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

49 × 57 inches

MATERIALS

- TLC Essentials medium (worsted) weight yarn (6 oz/312 yds/170g per skein): 9 skeins #2672 light thyme
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Panel = 16 inches wide

PAT TERN NOTES

Chain-2 at beginning of row or round counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Popcorn (pc): 4 dc around post *(see Stitch Guide)* as indicated in instructions on row below, drop lp from hook, insert hook in first dc of group, pull dropped lp through, ch 1 to close.

AFGHAN

Panel

Make 3.

Foundation row (RS): Ch 49, hdc in 3rd ch from hook *(first 2 chs count as first hdc)* and in each of next 10 chs, ch 3, sk next 2 chs, sl st in next ch, ch 3, sk next 2 chs, hdc in each of next 15 chs, ch 3, sk next 2 chs, sl st in next ch, ch 3, sk next 2 chs, hdc in each of last 11 chs, turn.

Row 1: Ch 2 *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in each of next 11 hdc, ch 2, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in each of next 15 hdc, ch 2, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in each of last 11 hdc, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in next 2 hdc, **fpdc** *(see Stitch Guide)* around next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around post of each of next 3 hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 4 hdc, sk next 3 sts on 2nd row below, **fptr** *(see Stitch Guide)* around post of each of next 2 hdc, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in next hdc, working in front of previous fptr, fptr around posts of first and 2nd sk hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind last fptr made, hdc in each of next 4 hdc, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working

row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around post of each of next 3 hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of last 2 hdc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 11 sts, ch 2, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in each of next 15 hdc, ch 2, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in each of last 11 hdc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, sk next fpdc on 2nd row below, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, working in front of fpdc just made, fpdc around sk fpdc, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 3 hdc, fptr around each of next 2 fptr on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in each of next 3 hdc, fptr around each of next 2 fptr on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in each of next 3 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, sk next fpdc on 2nd row below, fpdc around each of next 2 fpdc, working in front of fpdc, fpdc in sk fpdc, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc each of in next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of last 2 hdc, turn.

Row 5: Rep row 3.

Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around each of next 3 fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fptr around each of next 2 fptr on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, **pc** *(see Special Stitch)* in next hdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fptr around each of next 2 fptr on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around each

of next 3 fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of last 2 hdc, turn.

Rows 7 & 8: Rep rows 3 and 4.

Row 9: Rep row 3.

Row 10: Ch 2, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around each of next 3 fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 4 hdc, sk next 3 sts on 2nd row below, fptr around each of next 2 fptr, on working row, sk 2 hdc behind fptr, hdc in next hdc, working in front of previous fptr, fptr around first and 2nd sk fptr, on working row, sk hdc behind last fptr made, hdc in each of next 4 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, fpdc around post of next hdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around each of next 3 fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk 3 hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of next 2 hdc, fpdc around next fpdc on 2nd row below, on working row, sk hdc behind fpdc, hdc in each of last 2 hdc, turn.

Rows 11–146: [Rep rows 3–10 consecutively] 17 times. At end of last row, fasten off.

Assembly

Hold 2 Panels with WS tog and last row worked to left, working through both thicknesses **at same time**, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in edge of last row, ch 1, sc in same row, working from left to right, *ch 1, **reverse sc** *(see Stitch Guide)* in next row, rep from * across. Fasten off.

Join 3rd Panel in same manner.

Border

Rnd 1 (RS): Hold piece with RS facing and last row worked at top, join in first st in upper right-hand corner, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same st *(corner)*, working across row, ch 1, sk next st, *sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, rep from * across to last st, (sc, ch 3, sc) in last st (corner), ch 1, working across next side in ends of rows, sk last row, **sc in next row, ch 1, sk next row, rep from ** across to beg ch, working in starting ch on opposite side of row 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in first ch *(corner)*, ch 1, sk next ch, ***sc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, rep from *** across to last ch, (sc, ch 3, sc) in last ch *(corner)*, ch 1, working across next side in ends of rows, sk row 1, ****sc in next row, ch 1, sk next row, rep from **** across to first sc, join in beg sc, **turn**.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, *2 hdc in each ch-1 sp across to next corner ch-3 sp, (2 hdc, ch 3, 2 hdc) in corner ch-3 sp *(corner)*, rep from * 3 times, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 *(counts as a dc)*, *dc in each hdc across to next corner ch-3 sp, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in corner ch-3 sp *(corner)*, rep from * 3 times, dc in each hdc across to beg ch-3, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, *hdc in each dc across to next corner ch-3 sp, (2 hdc, ch 3, 2 hdc) in corner ch-3 sp *(corner)*, rep from * 3 times, hdc in each dc across to beg ch-2, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2.

Note: *On following rnd, do not pull sl sts too tightly.*

Rnd 5: Ch 1, working through **back lp** *(see Stitch Guide)* and back bar of each st at same time, sl st in each hdc and in each ch around, join in beg sl st. Fasten off. ■